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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRESSES,
BUT WORK LAGS IN SOME DEPARTMENTS

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

At a meeting of the directors of the oblast offices of "Sel'elektro," progress in rural electrification of the Ukraine for the first 6 months of the year was discussed.

During this period, 106 hydroelectric power plants with a total capacity of nearly 5,000 kilowatts and 204 steam-electric power plants with a total capacity of over 6,000 kilowatts have been built. Also, 525 kolkhozes have been electrified, which is 200 percent over the first 6 months of 1949. The plan for supplying electricity to MTS, repair shops, and poultry farms was completed 114 percent, and the plan for installing electric transmission lines for lighting and for agricultural motors was also exceeded.

Electrification of Vinnitsa Oblast was carried out most successfully: 19 GES were constructed and 44 kolkhozes were electrified. In Kamenets-Podol'sk Oblast, 17 GES were constructed and 41 kolkhozes electrified. In Ternopol' Oblast, 11 GES instead of the planned three were built.

The 6-month plan was also completed in L'vov, Stalino, Chernigov, Khar'kov, and Chernovtsy oblasts.

Some oblast offices of "Sel'elektro," especially the Kiev, Poltava, Zakarpatsk, and others, did not complete their plans. The republic office of the "Ukrasel'elektroproyekt" also worked poorly, as did the Ukrainian office for material and technical supply.(1)

Nearly 300 kolkhozes will be electrified in Rostov Oblast this year. Twenty-four kolkhozes are building three electric power plants in Kamenskiy Rayon and ten electric power plants are being built by kolkhozes of the Millerovo area.(2)

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Tadzhik SSR put five GES of considerable capacity into operation in the first 6 months of 1950 and is now building 29 kolkhoz electric power plants. Whereas only ten kolkhozes received electricity in Tadzhikistan in 1945, 65 received electricity in 1949.(3)

Before 1950, Kirgiz SSR had 52 hydroelectric power plants and 140 electrified kolkhozes. During 1950, 30 more hydroelectric power plants with a total capacity of 3,000 kilowatts will be built, permitting the electrification of 150 more kolkhozes. Three rayons will be entirely electrified and work will be started on the electrification of four other rayons.(4)

Forty-three hydroelectric and steam-electric power plants have been put into operation in Kazakhstan this year. At present, another 161 electric power stations, including 32 interkolkhoz plants, are being built.(5) Armenian SSR has electrified 71 kolkhozes this year and is working on the electrification of Spitakskiy, Kalininskiy, and Kotaykskiy rayons.(6)

In the last 6 months, 25 new kolkhoz and interkolkhoz hydroelectric power plants have been put into operation in Uzbekistan. It is planned to put 35 more electric power plants into operation by the end of the year. At present, Alty-Arykskiy and Vuadil'skiy rayons, Fergana Oblast, are entirely electrified and Yangi-Yul'skiy Rayon, Tashkent Oblast, will be electrified shortly.(7) Some recently built hydroelectric power plants of Uzbekistan are operating well under full capacity as is evidenced by the Dzhizak and Gzhuduvan power plants which are operating at only 20 and 50 percent respectively of their capacity. Electrical equipment shortages are responsible for this deficiency. Nowhere in the republic can electric cable, sockets, plugs, bulbs, and other equipment be bought.(8)

Many kolkhozes of Karelo-Finnish SSR are providing the necessary labor force and means for building electric power plants, but plans for these power plants are not being fulfilled. The Sel'elektro Trust (manager, Bugnin) of the Council of Ministers Karelo-Finnish SSR is not drawing up the necessary estimates and plans, appoints unqualified personnel to do this work, and does not provide technicians and specialists to supervise construction work. Because of the Sel'elektro Trust's poor planning, the kolkhozes lose hundreds of thousands of rubles.

After making contracts, the trust often did not fulfill them, thus costing the kolkhozes money and time and delaying construction of their electric power plants. Some kolkhoz electric power plants which were built with the aid of technicians and specialists of the Sel'elektro Trust were poorly constructed and broke down shortly after they were put into operation. Again it was difficult to get the Sel'elektro Trust's help and the work was left up to the kolkhozes.(9)

Kolkhoz workers building an interkolkhoz hydroelectric power plant in Poimskiy Rayon are supposed to be aided by the Penza Oblast office of Sel'elektro. However, technicians sent from the latter organization only added confusion to the construction project and retarded progress. Sel'elektro sent only one generator for two turbines and that generator was without a pulley. The first foundation made for the generator was found to be inadequate and had to be rebuilt. When the kolkhozes finally received two generators, they were found to be damaged and had to be sent to Penza for repair. Three transformers were also found to be out of order and were also returned for repair.(10)

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